

Promised Savior
(Shepherds—the Overlooked)

Luke 2:1-15

The story of Jesus' actual birth is only 7 verses long.

⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. —Luke 2:6-7

1. **Shepherds** heard the news first.

Why shepherds?

A. The Shepherds' **location**.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, vs. 8

B. The Shepherds' **heart**.

“Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” —1 Samuel 16:7b

Abel—“Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.” —Gen. 4:2

Abraham (Gen. 13:7), **Isaac** (Gen. 26:20), **Jacob** (Gen. 30:36) and **Jacob's sons** (Gen. 37:12) are identified as shepherds.

The Israelites, as shepherds could not dwell near the Egyptians. (Gen. 46:34).

Moses—went from being a Prince, to being a shepherd to deliverer. (Ex. 3:1)

David—a shepherd called to be King. (1 Sam. 16:11)

Psalm 23—Shepherd's Psalm

Jesus—the Good Shepherd (John 10:11)

C. The Shepherds' **schedule**.

“And after the fire came a gentle whisper.” —1 Kings 19:12b

2. Jesus came for the **overlooked**.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” —Luke 19:10

The angel’s message, *“Do not be afraid, I bring you good news...”*

- A. Fear for survival
- B. Fear for obscurity
- C. Fear of exposure
- D. Fear of rejection

3. The Overlooked **respond**.

Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened. —Luke 2:15

God calls us to make a personal response to the Promised Savior.

Our personal journey may be from head to heart,

...from believing to receiving,

...from believing to obeying. or

...from _____ to _____.

Let’s go and see the Promised Savior born to us.